

LUDDINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY 17th MAY 2016 AT 7.30pm

Present: Councillors Hughes, Hegarty, Jones, Harriott and Warrender.

In Attendance: J. Madge (Clerk), County Councillor Horner, District Councillor Barnes, County Councillor Rolfe, District Councillor Moore and 44 members of the public, including 2 members of the press

Apologies: Councillors Beeley and Nutt and District Councillor Giles

1. Public Participation:

Concern expressed at the proposed south-western relief road that was now included in the proposed Modifications to the draft Core Strategy, and requests from residents to put a stop to it. It was confirmed that a response objecting to the proposal had been made by the Parish Council among others to the consultation following the proposed Modifications. The Planning Inspector will be considering the responses and it is likely that he would come to a decision within weeks as to whether the Modified draft Core Strategy can be adopted, to be followed by a decision in Council by SDC, following which there would be a 6 week period during which the process could be challenged in a legal process similar to a judicial review. An Action Group had been started and have a Facebook page to appeal for support. Various issues and problems concerning the proposal were aired including issues of the Site of Special Scientific Interest in the racecourse meadow, the adequacy of the traffic plans, the cost of the bridge over the river and Greenway, the displacement of flood water from the floodplain, and the volume of heavy goods vehicles from the proposed expansion of the Industrial Estate at Atherstone also in the modification plans. DCllr Barnes indicated that the land owned by Mr and Mrs Beeley next to the proposed route of the road had already been approved as the site of balancing ponds for the drainage from the proposed Shottery developments, and concern that this would not be compatible with the road.

2. Minutes of the Meeting held on the 19th April 2016 had been circulated and were approved and signed.

3. Matters Arising:

- (a) Cllr Hughes elected as Chairman.
- (b) There were no nominations for Vice-Chairman, and the election was therefore postponed to the next Meeting
- (c) Concern expressed at Cllr Beeley's attendance record and question as to whether he has any disclosable interest in issues concerning the proposed relief road and/or Shottery developments. Clerk to raise issues with him.

4. County Councillor's Report: CCllr Horner sent a written report as follows:

- (a) **Phillip Seccombe**, SDC District Councillor has been elected the new Police and Crime Commissioner. As a Conservative we can expect him to follow Government policy and take over the fire and rescue services from the County Council as soon as legislation has been enacted.
- (b) **Warwickshire County Council Trading Standards Service** has launched a new information campaign to warn consumers about the dangers of sharing their personal and financial information in marketing related questionnaires, surveys

and “prize draw” forms. Research shows that consumers often inadvertently give "consent" to receiving marketing by post or telephone, perhaps not noticing the small print about how their information will be shared.

- (c) **Warwickshire Multi-Agency Safeguarding Hub (MASH)** has begun operations from its base in Warwick. Safeguarding children and adults is a priority for all agencies in Warwickshire and the issues and challenges it poses span far beyond the remit of any single organisation. The MASH brings together Children and Adult Safeguarding Services, the Police, Health services and other partners involved in safeguarding, in order to respond to the challenges posed by safeguarding our most vulnerable residents. The primary focus of the MASH will be on early engagement and providing support to potentially vulnerable children, adults and their families. It will do this by collating and sharing information through a multi-disciplinary team of professionals who assess risk, threat and harm in order to act swiftly to keep children, adults and families safe.
 - (d) The Annual County Council Meeting had been held today and savings have been agreed by spending some of the reserves held by the Council. Savings in the Parks Department will lead to charging for parking on the Greenway. It was suggested that charges are made in the same way as a congestion charge, rather than by pay and display methods.
 - (e) There is pressure for the County to join the West Midlands, which would result in an election for a West Midlands Mayor. The government is offering money for infrastructure costs as an inducement for a deal to be done.
 - (f) Boundary changes means that from May 2017 Luddington will be within the Welford and Bidford County Council ward.
5. District Councillor’s Report: DCllr Barnes reported as follows:
- (a) SDC Cabinet has been increased from 7 to 8 with DCllr Vaudry being the extra member responsible for Infrastructure and Construction.
 - (b) Appeal against the refusal of 10 houses off Luddington Road had been issued and responses required by 10th June.
6. Finance:
- (a) The Community Account stood at £7,996.82.
 - (b) First payment of precept of £3,447.50 had been received.
 - (c) The following bill was passed for payment: £391.25 for AON Insurance to renew the Council’s Policy
7. Specific Agenda Items:
- Maintenance of land at Church Close. Having established that the land is owned by Orbit, who occasionally maintain it, but frequently it has been done by residents fed up with the condition of the land before Orbit attend. It was agreed to contact Orbit to suggest that the Council take over responsibility for maintaining it..
8. Correspondence:
- (a) Alcester Police North SNT updates
 - (b) WALC – Meeting of Stratford Area of WALC on 6th June 2016 at 6.00pm
 - (c) Luddington Village Fund – offer of financial support up to £1,000.00 regarding any costs involved in dealing with proposed relief road. It was agreed to fund booking up to 6 meetings at the Village Hall for the Action Group.

- (d) NALC – Legal Topic Note re Byelaws
- (e) WCC – Living in Warwickshire Survey closing date 31st May 2016.
- (f) WALC – Governance and Accountability Guide 2016 Invitation to attend County Service to celebrate the Queen’s 90th Birthday on 12th June 2016. Chairman to attend.
- (g) WCC – Housing Related Support Updates
- (h) NALC – Legal Topic Note re Staff Pensions

9. Planning:

- (a) Smith (15/04033/OUT) – Land off Luddington Road: Appeal against refusal of Outline Application for the erection of up to 10 dwellings with all matters reserved. (Planning Inspectorate Ref No: APP/J3720/W/16/3146338). It was agreed to object and file representations with the Inspectorate
- (b) Brashay (16/01265/FUL) – Welbek Cottage 207 Luddington Road Luddington: Replacement porch canopy to property. Agreed to support.
- (c) Neighbouring Parish Notification: Hallam Land Management (16/00737/REM) Land SW of Alcester Road Stratford on Avon: Application for approval of reserved matters re appearance landscaping layout and scale for 200 dwellings along with associated open space and drainage and highway infrastructure pursuant to Outline Planning Permission 09/02146/OUT)
- (d) Neighbouring Parish Notification: Bloor Homes and Hallam Land Management (15/03785/VARY) Land W of Stratford, S of Alcester Road and N of Evesham Road: Removal of condition 31 (on-site renewable sources) and variation of condition 33 (amend timeframes for submission of Code for Sustainable Homes Final Certificate) condition 37 (hard and soft landscaping) and condition 54 (garden area noise) of Outline Planning Permission 09/02196/OUT (800 dwellings etc)

10. Business for Future Consideration:

Next Meeting scheduled for Tuesday 21st June 2016 at 7.30pm

Meeting closed at 9.53pm.